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SUBJECT: PRICE INDEX TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

WE HAVE LOCATED RETIRED EXPERT IN PRICE INDEXES AVAILABLE FOR TDY ASSISTANCE IN EVALUATING TTPI DATA AND RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATE INDICES FOR CONSTANT DOLLAR BUDGETING. MARVIN TOWNE RECENTLY RETIRED AS ASSISTANT CHIEF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM CENTER OF CENSUS BUREAU. WAS PREVIOUSLY CHIEF CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BRANCH BLS AND PRICE STATISTICS ADVISOR IN IRAN AND JORDAN UNDER AID PROGRAM. MR. TOWNE COULD BE HIRED AT DIFFERENTIAL OVER ANNUITY BETWEEN GS-11 AND 12 PLUS TRAVEL AND PER DIEM. HE SUGGESTS ABOUT TWO WEEKS PREPARATION HERE, ABOUT FIVE WEEKS IN TTPI COLLECTING STATISTICS AND TIME HERE TO WRITE A REPORT. TIME IN TTPI WOULD ALLOW RECOMMENDATION ON USE OF EXISTING DATA AND GUAM CIP IN BUDGETING. REPORT WOULD RECOMMEND LONG TERM PROGRAM OF DATA COLLECTION AND INDEX. HE COULD ALSO ASSIST IN ARRANGING UNDP STATISTICAL ADVISOR AND TRAINING FOR MICRONESIAN STATISTICIAN AT CENSUS BUREAU IF APPROPRIATE. WE BELIEVE MR. TOWNE COULD PROVIDE INPUT NEEDED FOR BUDGET AND GOOD START ON PRICE INDEX. PLEASE INDICATE REACTION AND POSSIBILITY FUNDING TEMPORARY POSITION. CARPENTER SENDS. KISSINGER

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